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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN TIRANA MEETS WITH SHEHU

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD REGULAR QUADRIpartite MEETING JULY 18 THAT ALBANIAN PREMIER SHEHU HAD CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO TIRANA RECENTLY AND, WHILE SAYING NOTHING ABOUT THE QUARREL WITH CHINA, HAD INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT THE FRENCH MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO ABOUT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ALBANIA. SHEHU CONDEMNED WHAT HE TERMED THE USSR'S AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING A SOVIET
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ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE. HE ALSO TOOK POT SHOTS AT THE USA AND THE COMMON MARKET, BUT EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT GISCARD HAD TAKEN ON BREZHNEV DURING THE LATTER'S PARIS VISIT OVER THE NEED FOR AND THE NATURE OF THE FRENCH MILITARY FORCE STRUCTURE (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO GISCARD'S REFUTATION OF BREZHNEV'S CONTENTION THAT FRANCE HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM

SOVIET MILITARY, AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT PLAN FRENCH STRATEGY AGAINST THE USSR).

2. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ALBANIA THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR THERE HAD BEEN TRYING TO ACT AS A BROKER BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE ALBANIANS BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS BECAUSE OF ALBANIAN INTRANSIGENCE. TOON

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